

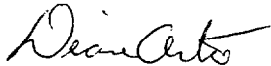
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Dear Ms Henney:

I would like to express my concern over GMO's in our food supply. As an environmental scientist, I urge that we stop this practice and eliminate genetically engineered foods altogether. Our role as land stewards is to manage our resources as best as we can given the demands a growing and ever-consuming population puts on it; not to alter it into something it's not and may never be again. We have no way of scientifically testing the safety and nutrition of genetically altered foods and its effects on the environment; certainly not in our lifetimes. Lets take the stance of our neighbors to the north who banned the use of bioengineered rBGH to boost milk production and along with many european nations which are requiring mandatory labeling of bioengineered foods sold in their countries. As consumers in the greatest country with free choice, it is imperative that genetically altered food be labeled. I wish to express my support of such legislation. In addition, I urge the federal government to stop the gobbling up of small seed supply companies by agrochemical giants such as Monsanto and DuPont. Such acquisitions effectively divides most of the U.S. seed industry between these two companies. Once all of our seed supply is genetically altered, there is no going back. As a steward for future generations, this fact alone should cause you great concern. On a final note, I would like to urge the federal government to support organic and sustainable farming. We **can** feed ourselves and others with real whole foods while simultaneously providing for a healthy environment and a prosperous economy.



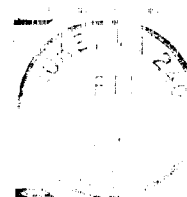
Sincerely,

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